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4. MINISTERIO DE DEFENSA
- 4A. CODE: 4B. CODE: A 4C. CODE: X
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- 13A. 97110/9 MINISTRY OF DEFENSE;

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- 13B. 36620/T IMPORTER OF RADIO COMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT;
- 13C. 36624/T IMPORTER OF ELECTRONIC NAVIGATIONAL AIDS;
- 13D. 36626/5 IMPORTER OF ELECTRONIC MILITARY EQUIPMENT;
- 13E. 37100/5 IMPORTER OF AIRCRAFT AND PARTS;
- 13F. 34800/5 IMPORTER OF ORDNANCE AND ACCESSORIES;
- 13G. 37950/5 IMPORTER OF TANKS AND ARMORED UTILITY VEHICLES;
14. CONTACT: GEN. HEBERTO SANCHEZ TITLE: MINISTER

15. CABLE: NA 16. TELEX: NA 17. PHONE: 22859

18. FINANCIAL REFERENCES: NA

19. TRADE REFERENCES: NA

20. FOREIGN FIRMS REPRESENTED: NA

21. THE MINISTERIO DE DEFENSA, OR MINISTRY OF DEFENSE, IS THE NICARAGUAN GOVERNMENT AGENCY RESPONSIBLE FOR NATIONAL DEFENSE AND, BY LAW, IN CHARGE OF ALL NATIONAL SECURITY PROGRAMS IN THE COUNTRY. IT OVERSEES NICARAGUA'S ARMED FORCES WHICH INCLUDE THE ARMY, NAVY AND AIR FORCE, AND MILITARY INSTITUTIONS SUCH AS THE MILITARY ACADEMY, THE POLICE SCHOOL AND A MILITARY HOSPITAL. IT ALSO OVERSEES THE OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF LOCAL AIRPORTS, THE NATIONAL RADIO BROADCASTING STATION, THE RADIO TELECOMMUNICATION NETWORK, AND CIVIL AVIATION AND WEATHER FORECASTING OPERATIONS

THE MINISTRY PURCHASES EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES FOR ALL THE DEPARTMENTS IN CHARGE OF ABOVE OPERATIONS. SOME MILITARY HARDWARE IS ALSO PROVIDED THROUGH U.S. MILITARY ASSISTANCE AND CREDIT SALES PROGRAM, WHICH ALSO PROVIDES TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE. THE MINISTRY'S 1977 BUDGET, WHICH TOTALS US\$26.9 MILLION, HAS BEEN ALLOCATED AS FOLLOWS: ARMY US\$15.9 MILLION, AIR FORCE US\$2.6 MILLION, COAST GUARD US\$0.6 MILLION, MILITARY MEDICAL AND HOSPITAL FACILITIES US\$2.3 MILLION, OTHER OPERATIONS US\$3.4 MILLION. A CAPITAL INVESTMENT BUDGET OF US\$3.1 MILLION HAS BEEN ALLOCATED IN 1977 FOR EXPANSION WORKS AT NICARAGUA'S INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT (LAS MERCEDES) IN MANAGUA, AND FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A RADAR STATION AND THE UNCLASSIFIED

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INSTALLATION OF LIGHTING FIXTURES AT TWO AIRSTRIPS IN THE TOWNS OF PUERTO CABEZAS AND EL BLUFF. IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT THE MINISTRY OF DEFENSE HAS COMPLETED PRE-FEASIBILITY STUDIES FOR THE SUBSTANTIAL UPGRADING OF SEVERAL OTHER AIRPORTS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY, TO INCLUDE THE LENGTHENING AND PAVING OF AIRSTRIPS, AND THE INSTALLATION OF MINIMUM NAVIGATIONAL AND GROUND SUPPORT FACILITIES. THE COST OF THIS ENTIRE PROJECT HAS BEEN ESTIMATED AT US\$20 MILLION, BUT SOURCES OF FINANCING ARE UNKNOWN AT THIS TIME. THE MINISTRY ALSO HAS UNDER CONSIDERATION THE CONSTRUCTION OF A COMPLETELY-NEW MANAGUA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT TO HANDLE EXPECTED AIR TRAFFIC THROUGH THE YEAR 2025. ACCORDING TO THE PRE-FEASIBILITY STUDY ALREADY COMPLETED, THE ESTIMATED VALUE OF THIS PROJECT (TO BE BUILT IN STAGES AS TRAFFIC GROWS) IS US\$75 MILLION. FINAL DECISION OF THIS PROJECT MAY NOT BE FORTHCOMING FOR SEVERAL YEARS, HOWEVER, AND WHETHER ACTUAL CONSTRUCTION WILL TAKE PLACE IS UNCERTAIN, OWING TO DOUBTS EXISTING AS TO THE NECESSITY OF A NEW AIRPORT AT THIS TIME. THE MINISTRY OF DEFENSE IS A GOOD CONTACT FOR U.S. FIRMS INTERESTED IN SUPPLYING GOODS AND SERVICES FOR ITS OPERATIONS.

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